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Application of Paula Mary Sosalla et al. Art Unit 3761
Serial No. 09/977,062
Filed October 12, 2001
Confirmation No. 1782
For A DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING A COLOR GRADATION
FEATURE
Examiner Michele Kidwell

January 20, 2006

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

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